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Personal Mention

Brother John A. Myers reports one addition by baptism to the Millersburg, Ia. church.

Brother W. J. H. Bauman reports four applicants for baptism in the Pony Creek church, Morrill, Kans.

We are glad to learn that Professor W. D. Furry will visit the Meyersdale, Pa. congregation August 25 and will preach for the people there twice that day.

Professor L. L. Garber returned last Friday evening from a nine days visit to the Pan-American and Chataqua Assembly which he found both profitable and enjoyable.

We hope the young people will give Prof. Furry's announcement in this issue special attention. The Young People's Society is one of the mightiest powers in the church and there should be a session of the general Conference devoted to its particular work.

Brother Marcus A. Witter and wife started to South Bend, Ind., yesterday morning for a short vacation. South Bend is Brother Witter's home and after their visit there they will attend the National Conference.

We are pleased to know that Brother Wm. Lyon and family are enjoying a much deserved vacation in the mountains, and that Mrs. Lyon's health is improving. Brother Lyon knows the secret of a profitable vacation. We must thank him for his appreciation of the church paper.

Professor J. Allen Miller and the Editor went to Winona Lake on Monday, the nineteenth to attend the Bible Conference in session there. They will remain for the National Conference of the church. During this time all mail intended for Brother Miller personally should be addressed to him at Winona Lake.

Attention is again called to the statistical reports of the churches. These reports should be carefully made and sent to Brother W. H. Miller soon.

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Professor W. D. Furry as secretary will furnish blank credentials while Brother Miller will supply statistical reports. Please do not overlook this important matter.

Brother Wm. H. Miller has been unanimously called to serve the Roann and Center Chapel, Ind. churches as pastor for the coming year. Such a call speaks well of Brother Miller's efficiency as pastor and preacher. Brother Miller reports one addition by baptism to the Center Chapel church and two by letter at North Manchester.

Brother Josiah and sister Sarah Keim went to Ankenytown, Ohio, on Tuesday to attend the Leedy reunion which is to be held at that place. Professor Garber accompanied them to attend the reunion also. Brother and Sister Keim have been spending much time and labor this summer in making the Boarding Hall pleasant and comfortable. Just at present some repairing is being done, so that returning students will find the dormitory more homelike than ever before.

The National Conference

We take this last opportunity to urge upon all our churches a large attendance at the National Conference. Brethren, this convention is a supreme factor in the work of the church. Come, and lend the inspiration of your fellowship to the meeting. Pray for the Conference and attend the Conference.

The Work of the Washington Church

We publish the following letter from Brother Parsons with great pleasure. We are gratified with the splendid work the Washington brethren are doing. This report should inspire the church general to the support of the Mission work. Surely we have no better field than that in Washington:

At our business meeting in May the writer made a statement to the congregation of the receipts and disbursements for the first quarter of the church year and at that time was instructed to have it published in the EVANGELIST. For various good reasons it was deferred and we now submit to you for the benefit of the church at large a statement covering the first half of the year, from January 1, to June 30, inclusive.

Let it be understood that the amount represented here is that given and raised *exclusively* by the Brethren at Washington, and has no bearing on the monies sent to Brethren Lyon and Cassel from outside sources. The total amount raised was \$433.47, disbursed as follows:

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| Secretary's Books, | \$ 94 |
| Gas for six months, | 11 20 |
| Coal, | 8 35 |
| Oil, | 25 |
| Tapers, | 05 |
| Hauling Ashes, | 20 |
| Ash Barrel, | 10 |
| Envelopes, | 1 50 |
| Stove Repairs, | 3 89 |
| Offering Cards, | 60 |
| Painting Sign, | 50 |
| R. R. fare for Bro. Tombaugh, | 2 30 |
| Bro. Tombaugh, services rendered, | 10 00 |
| Bro. Hayre for services rendered, | 10 00 |
| Communion Services Expenses, | 2 04 |
| R. R. fare for Bro. Henry Wise, | 2 20 |
| Brooms, | 88 |
| Brushes, | 17 |
| Repairs to Church Property, | 8 74 |
| W. M. Lyon for salary, | 360 56 |
| Total, | \$443.47 |

You will please note that the average raised per month is \$72.25. Of this amount an average of

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\$10.65 per month was expended for incidental expenses leaving a balance of \$61.60 per month which this congregation raised for the support of the Pastor.

The support from outside sources this year has been very limited indeed. Bro. Lyon's salary for six months is \$450. Of this the Washington church contributed \$369.56 leaving a balance of but \$80.44 for the Mission Board to meet. They failed to do so, for Bro. Lyon on the first day of July was \$26.99 short of having the amount due him for salary.

In other words, since the first of this year but \$53.45 was paid to Brother Lyon by the Mission Board, counting on the basis that on January 1, the Mission Board did not owe him any salary.

We do not wish it understood that because we received such little help that we feel discouraged, but we hope the brotherhood will not forget that we are doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

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Quiet Observer

A gentleman of rare Christian culture, a man whose character I had learned to admire and whose example I wished to emulate, once said to me: "I have never read many books but I have digested a few good ones." The words conveyed a lesson that I have never forgotten. In the selection of my reading again and again I recall the good man's unconscious advice and my choice has always been the wiser for it.

When one scans the newspapers, one is amazed at the immense number of different books published today. One wonders: Who reads all the books? If one has a mind appreciative of the good and the true, one must be grieved at the amount of inferior literature that comes daily from the press and is devoured by the young people. It is only necessary to observe the conduct of many of our boys and girls in society and on the street or to converse with them to discover what light and impure literature is accomplishing. The lack of ideals, the low standard of living prevalent among young people can in many instances be accounted for by the reading of misleading books. On the other hand, more than one young person of good character owes the trend of his life to the seed-thought gathered from a good book.

We hear people discussing late books as tho there were actual virtue in the fact that they are *late* books. Very often I have been glad to be able to say that I had not read the latest book. For a great deal of present day fiction is worthless or worse than worthless. At times it seems a little trying to walk the tried paths of classic literature when the multitudes are in ecstasy over some new historical novel or a collection of love letters. But he will never fall short of a rich compensation who abides by the tried and the true. When we consider what a vast treasury of literature we inherit from master-spirits who have gone before us, and when we remember how public libraries and low prices have made the great books available for all of us, we cannot but regret the ignorance that exists in our midst. There is really no occasion for a great amount of it.

It was President Thwing, I believe, who not long ago selected a list of quotations from the standard authors, quotations containing direct reference to scriptural events or characters, and submitted them to a number of college students in examination. Nearly all of them failed to recognize the references. It would be a timely thing for parents and